THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The placing of items on OGL has been done on the basis of excercises which took into account the status of indigenous industry and its capabilities Placing of the high-technology machinery on OGL will not discourage but facilitate modernisation.

Decision for off-shore supply vessels

2187. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission revised its earlier decision for off-shore supply vessels and off-shore platform-support-cum stand by vessels from indigenous shipyards to foreign shipyards;

(b) if so, what are the detailed reasons therefor, at what level revised decision was taken and what benefits are likely to accrue to ONGC therefrom;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian ship-builders offer prices comparable to the international parity prices plus Government subsidy;

(d) whether it is also a fact that foreign shipyards are setting cheaper raw materials greater Government subsidy and better book position;

(e) if so, whether Government are planning to review its policy in the light thereof; and

(f) if the answer to (e) be in the negative what are the detailed reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian shipyards can get a 30 per cent subsidy based on the international parity price. Sometimes the prices quoted by them are even higher than this.

(d) Such statistics are not available.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. The incentives already available to the Indian shipyards fabricating various kinds of vessels for the ONGC are considered adequate.

Financial irregularities by M/s. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Limited, Hooghly, West Bengal

†2188. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding mismanagement of finances and malpractices by M/s. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Limited of Angus, Champdany, Hooghly, West Bengal;

(b) whether any inquiry has been made in this connection and if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) what steps, Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c). Only one complaint making certain allegations against the management of M/s. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Ltd. has been received from the Lagan Jute Machinery Shramik Karamchari Union. The allegations have been looked into and found to be baseless.

Licences for setting up electronic units in Meghalaya

2189. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of licences and letters of intent issued so far for setting up Electronic Units in Meghalaya;

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†Previously Unstarred Question No. 1903 transferred from the 13th August, 1985.

(b) the names of places where the units are proposed to be set up in Meghalaya; and

(c) what is the capacity and investment on each unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The following 3 letters of intent were issued during the years 1980 to 1985 (upto June) for setting up of electronic units in Meghalaya:—

Name of the Undertaking and Location	Item of manufacture and annual capacity
1. Industrial Supply & Agency Co. Pvt. Ltd., Meghalaya (Backward fully region, Meghalaya)	Black and white T.V. Receivers —10,000 Nos
2. Industrial Supply Agency Co. Pvt. Ltd,. Assam (Meghalaya)	Colour T V. Sets —20,000 Nos. Black and white T.V Sets—40,000 Nos.
3. Meghalaya Indl. Dev. Corpn. Ltd., Shillong. (Distr. East Khasi, Meghalaya)	Tantalum Capacitors —50,00,000 Nos.

No industrial licence has been issued during the above said period for setting up any electronic unit in Meghalaya.

Information regarding actual investment involved in projects for which letters of intent have been granted is not maintained centrally in the Secretariat for Industrial Approvals in the Ministry of Industry and Company Affairs.

Waiting list of telephones

2190. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the target for setting up telex-lines during 1980—84 was 22044 while only 8329 lines have actually been provided;

(b) whether out of 65, 15, 402 trunk calls booked by the 'Bombay District Exchange' in 1983-84 only 43,58,804 could mature; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps are being taken to stream-line the functioning of these services in the next six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) No, Sir. The figure for the target for addition in Telex capacity was 21,044 lines during 1980—84. The achievement had been 7,829 lines during the four years.

(b) No, Sir. 68,27,218 trunk calls were booked out of which 45,91,232 calls were put through and the remaining calls were cancelled due to subscribers and departmental reasons during 1983-84.

(c) However, to improve upon the trunk services following steps are proposed to be taken:

(i) Another trunk exchange is likely to be installed in Prabhadevi Telephone Exchange building during 1985-86.

(ii) The existing demand trunk service with 13 positions is likely to be expanded by another 12 positions during 1985-86.

(iii) Additional long distance circuits are proposed to be commissioned alongwith above.

Raising the limit of fixed capital assets for small units

2191. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working group on upgradation of technology in selected areas in the small scale sector has recently suggested raising the limit of fixed capital assets for small units; and